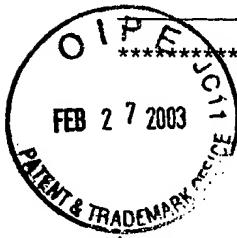


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## PATENT APPLICATION

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 Filed: January 30, 2001 ) Examiner: Walter D. Griffin  
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